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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: REPORT OF ECUADOR-PERU ARMS LIMITATION AGREEMENT

REF: STATE 214523

1. EMBASSY CONFIRMS DEPARTMENT'S BELIEF THAT ECUADOR AND PERU HAVE NOT, REPEAT NOT, REACHED AN ARMS LIMITATION AGREEMENT. IN FACT, THERE ARE NOT NOW, NOR HAVE THERE BEEN IN THE RECENT PAST, DISCUSSIONS TOWARD THAT END. FOREIGN MINISTRY ADVISOR ON TERRITORIAL SOVEREIGNTY, AMBASSADOR TEODORO BUSTAMANTE, TOLD DCM ON AUGUST 31 THAT ONLY SUGGESTION OF ARMS LIMITATION IN GOE CONVERSATIONS WITH GOP WAS A GOP PROPOSAL SOME MONTHS AGO FOR INSPECTIONS OF BORDER AREAS BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PERUVIAN AND ECUADOREAN MILITARY FORCES IN ORDER TO ASSURE EACH OTHER AGAINST RUMORS OF MILITARY BUILD-UPS. GOE HAS NOT YET RESPONDED TO THIS OVERTURE, THE MFA OFFICIAL SAID, BECAUSE THE ECUADOREAN ARMED FORCES HAVE IGNORED THE GOP PROPOSAL.

2. GOE AND ECUADOREAN MILITARY OFFICIALS ARE EXTREMELY
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UPSET OVER REPORTS THAT PERU INTENDS TO PURCHASE SOVIET

MILITARY AIRCRAFT. ALTHOUGH FACTS MAY BE OTHERWISE,
ECUADOREANS ARE CONVINCED THAT PERUVIAN ARMAMENT EFFORTS
ARE A DIRECT THREAT TO THEM. ECUADOREANS ARE NOT IN-
CLINED TO ACCEPT PERUVIAN CLAIMS THAT THESE PURCHASES
ARE SIMPLY TO UPDATE INVENTORY.

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